

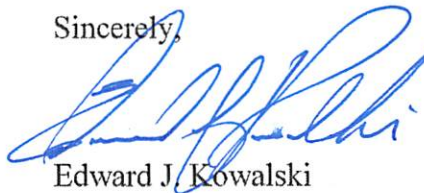
During a review of DMRs from February 2011 through February 2016, it was discovered that the Facility submitted one DMR late. The DMR for the monitoring period of July 2014 was due on August 20, 2014; however, the DMR was not received until October 8, 2014. This is a violation of Part V.B of the Permit.

On December 21, 2015, the NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule became effective. Permittees with a DMR requirement will have one year from this date to submit DMRs through NetDMR. Additional information is enclosed (Enclosure A).

Although our goal is to ensure NPDES facilities comply fully with their permits, the ultimate responsibility rests with the permittee. As such, I want to strongly encourage you to continue your efforts to maintain full knowledge of the Permit requirements, and other appropriate statutes, and to take appropriate measures to ensure compliance. Notwithstanding your response to this letter, EPA retains all rights to pursue enforcement actions to address these and any other violations.

I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report (Enclosure B). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Raymond Andrews of my staff at (206) 553-4252.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures

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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Mr. Doug Ramsey  
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Re: Rangen Aquaculture Research Center  
NPDES Permit Number IDG130015

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I would like to express my appreciation for your time and cooperation during the April 20, 2015, Clean Water Act (CWA) inspection of Rangen Aquaculture Research Center ("Facility") by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) on behalf of EPA. The purpose of the inspection, and subsequent EPA administrative file review, which included Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) submitted by the Facility, was to determine compliance with the requirements of the CWA and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit number IDG130015 ("Permit") for *Aquaculture Facilities in Idaho, subject to Wasteload Allocations under Selected Total Maximum Daily Loads*. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the results of the IDEQ inspection and EPA administrative file review. At the time of the inspection, the inspector did not note any deficiencies or areas of concern.

**REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE FILES**

Part V.B. of the Permit states, "The permittee must summarize monitoring results, including influent, effluent, and net results, each month on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form (EPA No. 3320-1) or equivalent."

Part V.B.1 of the Permit states, "The permittee must submit reports monthly, postmarked by the 20th day of the following month."

Part V.B.2 of the Permit states, "If, during the period when this permit is effective, EPA makes electronic reporting available, the permittee may, as an alternative to the requirements in §V.B.1, above, submit reports monthly, electronically by the 20th day of the following month, following guidance provided by EPA."